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FOR WOLFF FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WOLFF

REF: STATE 5759

1. IF DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF AND PARTY FOLLOW THE CHANGED SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN REFTTEL, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO MEET WITH THEM. I MUST BE ABSENT FROM WELLINGTON FROM FEB. 4 THROUGH FEB. 8 TO ATTEND WAITANGI DAY (NATIONAL DAY) CELEBRATIONS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NORTH ISLAND.

2. IF, HOWEVER, THE GROUP CAN REVERT BACK TO THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED SCHEDULE WHICH CALLED FOR A VISIT TO CANBERRA BEFORE WELLINGTON, I WOULD BE ABLE TO FLY FROM AUCKLAND TO WELLINGTON TO BE HERE AT LEAST FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

3. I UNDERSTAND FROM TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE SCHEDULE CALLING FOR THE VISIT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WELLINGTON FIRST AND CANBERRA AFTERWARDS RESULTED FROM THE FACT THAT IF THE PARTY SPENT MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FEB. 6 AND 7, IN CANBERRA, THERE WOULD BE NO FLIGHTS ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, TO NEW ZEALAND. THIS, FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US HERE, IS NOT THE CASE. WHILE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED SCHEDULE IS NOT THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE BETWEEN CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON, IT DOES HAVE THE

VIRTUE OF AVOIDING THE BACKTRACKING ACROSS THE TASMAN
SEA REPRESENTED IN THE REFTEL'S SCHEDULE. I WOULD
THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT YOU PLAN TO GO FROM SINGAPORE TO
CANBERRA VIA SYDNEY ON FEB. 3 AND 4, SPEND FEB. 6 AND 7
IN CANBERRA AND ARRIVE WELLINGTON VIA THE FOLLOWING
ROUTE, TRAVELING FEB. 8:

- LV. CANBERRA TN 476 AT 0930
- ARR. SYDNEY 1005
- LV. SYDNEY TE 806 1250
- ARR. CHRISTCHURCH 1745
- LV. CHRISTCHURCH NZ 476 AT 1855
- ARR. WELLINGTON 1940

4. YOU COULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON ACCORDING TO THE
FOLLOWING SCHEDULE, TRAVELING FEB. 10:

- LV. WELLINGTON NZ 452 1820
- ARR. AUCKLAND 1920
- LV. AUCKLAND PA 816 2200 (NON-STOP)
- ARR. LOS ANGELES 1245 (FEB. 10)
- LV. LOS ANGELES 1320 DL 320
- ARR. WASHINGTON (DULLES) 1750 (FEB. 10)

ALTERNATIVELY, YOU COULD PLAN ON LEAVING AUCKLAND
SATURDAY EVENING ON A PAN AM FLIGHT WITH A FUELING STOP
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IN HAWAII. SELDEN

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